

Summer Reading Project Grade 7

Directions: Read each book choice and the choice of projects for each. A description of each book is on the back. Select one book and one project to complete for the book you read this summer. Please be prepared to present your project to the class. Due Monday, September 9, 2019.

Choice One: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

By AVI

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a hanging mobile about the main character Crispin. There should be at least five items on the mobile. Write an 5-6 sentence explanation on the back of each item why you included this item.
2. Create a comic strip of Crispin's escape from his tiny village to the world beyond. Provide at least nine frames of the important events that took place in the book. Include a caption about what is taking place in each frame. The comic should be detailed and colorful.
3. Create a "Life-Size Character". Choose a character from Crispin and create a "life-size" paper version of the character. Add clothing and facial features to the "body" to portray the character you choose. Now analyze the character focusing on the character's thoughts and feelings, looks, deeds, and actions. Write a paragraph about each of the above, cut out, and glue around your character's body.

Choice Two: *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a Word Cloud Collage of words or phrases from the novel that describe the novel. You may select to cover the entire novel or focus on a single element (character, setting, theme). The Word Collage should fill an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper, be detailed, colorful, and neatly done. You may use wordclouds.com to create your collage.
2. Imagine you are allowed to give one character some advice or words of wisdom. Write a friendly letter to a character from the book that offers wise advice that can help them in the novel. Be sure to use specific evidence from the novel to support your advice.
3. Create a Google slide show of the Watson's adventures, good and bad) from the book. There must be a minimum of 10 slides plus a title slide with your name on it.

Choice Three: *Island of Blue Dolphins*

By Scott O'Dell

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a "Theme in a Bottle" to help others understand important life lessons or themes from the book. Write a letter from the main character's point of view. The letter should express her feelings about life lessons she has learned throughout the novel. The letter should be two-three paragraphs in length. You may type or handwrite the letter. Decorate a two-liter bottle with symbols that relate to Karana and the theme of the story. Curl the letter up and place inside the bottle making sure not to push it all the way down into the bottle.
2. Create a poster advertising the book. The poster should be no larger than 11 x 17. Include at least three pictures, a paragraph about the book, and a paragraph of your review of the book. The poster should be neat, detailed, and colorful. The paragraphs should be 5-7 sentences each.
3. Create a personal reflections diary. As you read the book, keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings as you read the book. Each diary entry should be 5-7 sentences in length. It may be typed or handwritten. Your final reflection diary should be a total of ten pages (paragraphs). Create a cover for your diary that includes a picture (drawn or clip art) and your name. Then bind your diary with staples, cord, or ribbon.

Choice Four: *I Am Malala*

By Malala Yousafzai

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a ten page scrapbook in Google slides about Malala's life. Each page should focus on a part of her life. Each page should have at least one picture and a paragraph about this part of her life. The scrapbook should have a cover with a picture and your name.
2. Write a letter to Malala discussing your thoughts about her courage for standing up for what she believes. Would you be able to do what Malala choose to do? Discuss how Malala's actions have changed the world in regards to education girls. The letter should be in friendly letter format and be two paragraphs in length discussing the two points above. You may type or handwrite the letter. Friendly letter example: www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson1083/lettersamples.pdf
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Choice One: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

By AVI

In fourteenth-century England a nameless thirteen-year-old orphaned peasant boy, who thought he had little to lose, finds himself with even less. Accused of a crime he did not commit, he has been declared a "wolf's head," meaning that anyone can kill him on sight. "Asta's son" learns from the village priest that his Christian name is Crispin and that his parents' origins — and fates — might be more complex than he ever imagined. To remain alive the boy must flee his tiny village — the only world he's ever known — taking with him his mother's cross of lead. Crispin finds freedom from a corrupt steward when he befriends a larger-than-life juggler. An action-packed narrative follows his frantic flight across 14th-century England. Readers might not realize that they're learning about England's peasant revolt of 1381 until they're hooked on this great story!

Choice Two: *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by

Christopher Paul Curtis

Enter the world of ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. When Momma and Dad decide it's time for a visit to Grandma, Dad comes home with the amazing Ultra-Glide, and the Watsons head South to Birmingham, Alabama...toward one of the darkest moments in America's history. A hilarious, touching, and tragic novel about civil rights and the impact of violence on one African American family.

Choice Three: *Island of Blue Dolphins*

By Scott O'Dell

Far off the coast of California looms a harsh rock known as the island of San Nicholas. Dolphins flash in the blue waters around it, sea otter play in the vast kelp beds, and sea elephants loll on the stony beaches. Here, in the early 1800s, according to history, an Indian girl spent eighteen years alone, and this beautifully written novel is her story. It is a romantic adventure filled with drama and heartache, for not only was mere subsistence on so desolate a spot a near miracle, but Karana had to contend with the ferocious pack of wild dogs that had killed her younger brother, constantly guard against the Aleutian sea otter hunters, and maintain a precarious food supply. More than this, it is an adventure of the spirit that will haunt the reader long after the book has been put down. Karana's quiet courage, her Indian self-reliance and acceptance of fate, transform what to many would have been a devastating ordeal into an uplifting experience. From loneliness and terror come strength and serenity in this Newbery Medal-winning classic.

Choice Four: *I Am Malala*

By Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world — and did.